Exodus 35-36 March 5th, 2021

Study Guide

Pray: Ask God to help you see and hear His word rightly and ask Him to reveal himself to you as you read though the designated chapters this week.

Read through **Exodus 35-36.** Then, **reflect** upon what you read as you consider the study questions.

These closing chapters of Exodus record Israel's obedience to the Lord in building the tabernacle and making its furnishings and the priestly garments. Don't let the repetitious nature of the narrative dull you to the wholehearted devotion of the Israelites' obedience to happily do what God had commanded. This obedience gives evidence of their profound gratitude to God for graciously sparing and forgiving them.

1. a) What was commanded in **Exodus 35:1-3** as the major command before Israel began work on the tabernacle and its furnishings?

   b) Why do you think the Israelites needed that reminder?

2. While work was not to be done on the Sabbath, work was to be done on the other six days **(verse 2)**. What do the following passages say about the necessity and value of work in the life of a Christian?

   a) **Genesis 2:15**

   b) **Colossians 3:17**

   c) **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

3. What guidance does **Exodus 35:21** give us about God-pleasing stewardship?

4. What encouragement do you personally receive from the following two aspects of this week's chapters?

   a) The Lord provided the Israelites with the resources needed to make the tabernacle and its furnishings **(Exodus 35:1-36:7)**.

   b) The Israelites responded so generously and whole-heartedly that they had to be restrained **(Exodus 36:6-7)**.

5. In **2 Corinthians 8:1-7**, Paul describes that the Macedonians, like the Israelites, gave gladly and sacrificially, beyond what might have been expected.

   a) What explanation for this generosity do you find in **2 Corinthians 8:5**?

   b) *Read the following verses.* How do these verses help us see our generosity in proper perspective?

      2 Corinthians 8:9

      2 Corinthians 9:15